wide. To facilitate this, the Central Government abolished the excise duty on release prints with effect from 31/3/90. This gave a benefit of Rs. 9 crore to the film industry.

3) For simultaneous release of more prints as well as to reduce the impact of the spiralling increase of imported sine colour positive raw stock prices, the customs duty on jumbo rolls of this raw stock was reduced in this year's budget by 55% (from 90% it was reduced to 35%) This has given considerable fillip to the film economy.

4) Entertainment Tax which is a State subject is attaining high levels. The Central Government has been repeatedly requesting the States to rationalise the levels of entertainment tax in order to enable the cinema houses to revive and modernize the cinema theatres.

[*Translation*]

Letter Boxes in Railway Mail Service Coaches

2793. SHRI MRUTYUNJAYA NAYAK: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether previously letter boxes were installed inside Railway Mail Service coaches;

(b) if so , when this facility was withdrawn and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government propose to restore this facility and if so, and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V.RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Yes, Sir. In built letter boxes are provided outside RMS Postal Vans to facilitate public to post letters therein.

(b) This facility countinue and has not been withdrawn.

(c) and (d) In view of (b) above questions do not arise.

Telephone facilities to Panchayats in Bihar

2794. SHRI RM LAKHAN SINGH YADAV: SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) wheh the scheme to provide telephone facility to each Gram panchayat was introduced; and

(b) the details of telephone connections provided so far to the gram panchayats in Biahr, district wise?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) January, 1991.

(b) The total number of telephone provided in Panchayat villages as on 30.11.1991 is 5,140. The district wise information will be placed on the Table of the House.

Introduction of family register in States

2795. SHRI RAM SHARAN YADAV: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of States where family register has been introduced as far in accordance with the recommendations of the Committee on the Welfare of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes; and

(b) the time by which the family register is likely to be introduced in the remaining States?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) and (b). The information is being collected from State Governments/UT Administrations.

General Knowledge Quiz Organised by Doordarshan

2796. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of general knowledge quiz programmes organised by the Doordarshan on its National Net-work during the last one year and the percentage of the programmes organised in Hindi out of them ; and

(b) the measures being adopted by Government to promote Hindi in such programmes?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Twenty three such programmes were telecast by Doordarshan out of which Eleven were in Hindi.

(b) The quiz programmes are for enriching General Knowledge and not at promoting any particular language.

[*English*]

Quick Fault Repair Service in Bhubaneshwar

2797. DR. KARTIKESWAR PATRA : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of steps taken/proposed to be taken to provide proper customer service at Bhubaneshwar in particular and Orissa in general with regard to the quick fault repair service, avoidance of excess billing by introducing computer billing in Bhubaneswar and to release frequent advertisements in the press showing the latest waiting list position of cities/places of Orissa;

(b) what are the schemes formulated by the Government to cause quick fault repair service, computer billing and to remove other shortcomings; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V.RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Customers service centres have been opened at all the Telecom. District Head quarters in the Circle to supply commercial information to the public on enquiry. Separate non metered telephones have been provided for fault repair information service in the exchanges of more than 500 lines capacity in the circle to intimate the subscribers on enquiry about the status of clearance of fault and probable period of delay when their telephones, remain faulty for more than 24 hours. (Few complaints were receivced when computer billing was introduced at Bhubaneswar initially due to non-aclimatisation of machine and men.) Position has been considerably improved. Advertisements in respect of latest waiting list position at Bhubaneswar are released by the Telecom. District Heads from time to time in local newspapers.

b) Schemes have been drawn up for introduction of computerised fault repair service and computerisation of billing and accounting in a phased manner.

(c) Computerisation of billing already implemented at Bhubaneswar. Fault repair